

FISCAL NOTE

HB 604 - SB 906

March 15, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows local boards of education to furnish electronic textbooks to students under the following conditions:

- The electronic textbooks are furnished to the student free of charge;
- The board provides reasonable access to the electronic textbooks to pupils in the district who are required to complete homework assignments and teachers assigning homework utilizing electronic textbooks furnished by the board.

Electronic textbooks are defined as computer software, interactive videodiscs, magnetic media, CD-ROM, computer courseware, local and remote computer assisted instruction, on-line service, electronic medium, or other means of conveying information to students through electronic means.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

This estimate assumes the following:

- Local education agencies (LEAs) would have the option to supplement or substitute electronic texts and other electronic materials for regular textbooks.
- LEAs would have the option to purchase electronic materials that could be more or less expensive than those materials they would replace. Any additional cost or savings is estimated to be not significant.
- To the extent LEAs were charging a fee for the use of such materials in the absence of this bill and will no longer be able to charge a fee under the provisions of the bill, local government expenditures are estimated to increase from less revenues collected to offset expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director